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1. GOJ CONCERN WITH SPREAD OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM PARALLELS THAT OF USG. GOJ HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY SENSITIZED BY PARTICIPATION OF JAPANESE NATIONALS UNDER BANNER OF JAPANESE RED ARMY (JRA) IN TERRORIST ATTACKS AT LOD AIRPORT, THE HAGUE AND KUALA LUMPUR WHICH WAS A PROFOUND EMBARRASSMENT FOR JAPANESE NATION AS A WHOLE. IN BOTH PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS GOJ HAS DEMONSTRATED WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TOWARDS THE SUPPRESSION OF TERRORISM.

2. FOLLOWING THE KUALA LUMPUR INCIDENT PRIMIN MIKI UNDERLINED NEED FOR GREATER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH PROBLEM, AND GOJ REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UN CRIME PREVENTION CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER 1975 LOBBIED FOR SPEEDIER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL TERRORISTS AND EASIER EXTRADITION OF CRIMINALS. ADDITIONALLY, THEY PROPOSED THAT COUNTRIES WHICH WILL NOT HONOR EXTRADITION TREAT-
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IES AT LEAST COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PUNISH UNDER THEIR OWN LAWS TER-

RORISTS WHO COME WITHIN THEIR REACH (REF B).

3. ACCORDING TO LOCAL FRG EMBASSY, APPROACH SIMILAR TO THAT MADE TO UNDER SECRETARY HABIB WAS MADE BY EMBASSY COUNSELOR TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SATO ON AUGUST 10. SATO WELCOMED GERMAN INITIATIVE IN GENERAL TERMS BUT RESERVED FURTHER COMMENT UNTIL DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL ON TERRORISM COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. FRG EMBASSY'S INFORMAL ASSESMENT IS THAT GOJ WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT GERMAN INITIATIVE BUT THEY ARE UNSURE OF DEGREE TO WHICH GOJ WILL TAKE LEAD IN PUSHING PORPOSAL IN THE UNGA.

4. IN REGARDS REF A, PARA 9, WE NOTE THAT THE SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM HAS ALREADY BEEN PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE US-JAPAN PRE-UNGA BILATERALS TO BE HELD IN TOKYO ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THESE MEETINGS WILL PROVIDE THE MOST APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE GERMAN INITIATIVE WITH THE JAPANESE.
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